

What We Can Do About Impaired Driving

Commanders and leaders of soldiers should use the following suggestions to help fight impaired driving:

- The best defense against a drunk driver is to wear safety belt and be sure children are properly secured in child safety seats.
- Be a responsible host. Serve food and have non-alcoholic drinks available. Don't let guests drive after drinking alcohol and never serve alcohol to someone under the age of 21.
- Never ride in a car with someone who has been drinking - call a cab or ask a friend to drive you home.
- Support measures to strengthen drunk driving prevention by talking to soldiers as a group and individually. Provide alternatives.
- Report drunk drivers immediately to area law enforcement from a car phone or pay phone with the license plate number, description of the vehicle, and the direction in which it was traveling. Keep a safe distance from anyone driving erratically and do not try to intervene yourself.
- Additional items/discussion in Commanders, Leaders/NCOs and Soldiers Risk Management TOOLBOX for POVs.